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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Director
for Planning and Development

THROUGH : Security Officer, DPS/DCI

SUBJECT : Current Requests for CHALICE Clearance
by ONI

1. A recent note from ONI (Captain Stevens) inquires the status of a September request for CHALICE clearances for Navy personnel both in the Headquarters and in the Theatre Commands, a list of 74 names, and a subsequent list of about 16 submitted in early December.

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2. In the course of a visit with Captain Stevens on the morning of 17 December by [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] with Captain Stevens and his colleagues, the undersigned undertook to prepare the following criteria and recapitulation of previous actions in order to seek a solution to the problem of these clearances.

3. The undersigned pointed out to Captain Stevens that on the occasion of the visit of [REDACTED] at CINCPAC and CINCPACFLT, it was well understood that the channel for theatre request was through ONI to the Agency for CHALICE clearances.

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Furthermore, at some length we went over the functions of the billets and personnel for whom CHALICE clearances which had been granted already or were pending. This was for the purpose of clarifying our understanding of their needs and their understanding of what might reasonably be required in the face of current arrangements. These sessions were only advisory and did not in fact involve decision-making on our part. It was understood that Colonel Wynn of CINCPAC and Captain Taylor of CINCPACFLT would subsequently through their regular channel make any adjustments in their requests required as a result of these conversations. Up to the moment and as a result of our questioning of Captain Stevens and his people, we are unaware that changes in CHALICE status viz. CINCPAC and CINCPACFLT have been reflected at all in the Navy requests.

4. There appear to be the following situations which may require to some degree a CHALICE clearance (Headquarters R&D being excluded for these purposes):

- a. Staff support to the ARC member in connection with the development of detailed requirements.
- b. PIs and ELINT technical specialists working on raw material or advising on details bearing on the use of the collection gear or the exploitation thereof.

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c. Admiral Felt and those of his immediate staff who will need to receive operational information by virtue of his responsibilities in the Far East including that of providing operational support to the Project. (This was discussed in detail with Admiral Felt in Honolulu and did not give rise to a long list of people.)

25X1A2g d. Navy personnel being sent to provide PI support at [REDACTED]

25X1A2g This is true, and arrangements exist for personnel going to [REDACTED] where the PI center is within the operational compound of Base B.

25X1A2g This would not be necessarily the case at the other [REDACTED] which are remote from the operational bases. Whereas the Commanders of the [REDACTED] and perhaps some of the staff may need to have CHALICE clearances, this is not required for all participants.

25X1A2g The Navy points out that CINCPACFLT or CINCPAC or whatever commands supplying personnel to an [REDACTED] does need to know the area of operations in order to select PIs with relevant background and may need to alert himself prior to departure to specific requirements of his command which he would want to examine particularly

25X1A2g in addition to his assigned responsibility in the [REDACTED] (It is my view that this is not a justification for a CHALICE clearance inasmuch as many TALENT-cleared people who examine either the

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photography or the reports will know the area covered although not before the fact. The consolidation of requirements which
25X1A2g are levied upon the [REDACTED] by this Headquarters are presumed to embrace the needs of the Theatre Commands. Arrangements
25X1A2g already exist for the [REDACTED] (and it is only these cases that are processed in the field) for the commands to levy supplementary
25X1A2g requests for PI upon the [REDACTED] to be answered either from the original or from the DP.) The fact that ONI alerts CINCPACFLT
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25X1A2g to send a PI with background in [REDACTED] to go to [REDACTED] does suggest that there either has been or is soon to be coverage of that area. However, this does not reveal precisely when the flight is to take place nor disclose routes in and out nor other operational information. (It is not believed that this should be construed as requiring CHALICE clearance).

e. In certain cases, Navy COMINT collecting units have a
25X1X4 capability to collect [REDACTED] reaction to our overflights. We have learned that a complete suppression program requires suppression by such units. Accordingly, information will have to reach these units in sufficient time to prevent general distribution of the reaction reports. (This would appear to involve operational information, and, accordingly, a CHALICE clearance would be in order.)

f. Communicators are required to transmit messages bearing upon the foregoing. Such communicators, it would appear to me, however, would not really require more than something like an administrative CHALICE clearance, an instruction simply to be alert to the presence of certain key words in messages, and when these appear, to recognize them as being extremely sensitive and to be held accordingly. The precise number of communicators required is a matter of fact to be ascertained by Navy in conjunction with the SO.

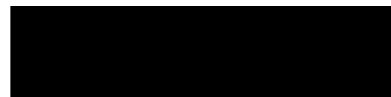
5. I recalled to Captain Stevens and his colleagues my commitment to Admiral Felt to recommend, upon my return from Honolulu, that he be advised of developments bearing upon his area of responsibility by General Balmer. I informed Captain Stevens that this recommendation had been approved and that I was responsible for watching this matter and from time to time preparing for Mr. Bissell a cable in keeping with this recommendation. Captain Stevens called attention to the fact that at least until 1 January ONI was subject to direction by the JCS to likewise keep Admiral Felt informed. I pointed out that we could handle this matter readily by my conferring with them when we took action, and the procedure already exists for them to check out any transmittal of operational information through the SO prior to transmittal.

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6. The foregoing has been discussed with Captain Stevens in the form presented, and he concurs that this outline should provide the basis for sorting out the needs for CHALICE clearance. As a result of application of these principles to the existing requests for clearances, the number of administrative clearances required (for communicators) is as follows:

The number of other CHALICE clearances deemed necessary (though for limited operational information) is as follows:

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- 2 - Cea TSO
- 3 - SO DPS/DCI
- 4 - ops DPS/DCI
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- 6 - PS/DCI subj file
- 7 - PS/DCI chrono